(a) whether any action for shifting of Kota ariport was initiated in 1986 by the Union Government and Town Development Trust, Kota, if so, the outcome of the said action; and

(b) the reasons for discovering the proposal midway?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The Town development Trust, Kota had requested the national Airports Authority in June, 1986 for shifting of Kota airport. The natoanl Airports Authority had, however, expressed iits inability to shift the airport due to funds constraints in the VII-th Plan period.

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Mail Box Scheme in Hyderabad

7189. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the statge at which implementation of Mail Box Scheme for the residents of apartments stands at present for Hyderabad City; and

(b) the time by which it is likey to be implemntated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) and (b). Mail Box scheme was implemented in Hyderabad City from 1.2.1992 for multi-stroreyed commercial complexes and residential buildings except two and three storeyed residentaial buildings.Conventional delivery, however, continues for all addressees who have not yet provided Mail Box. Appeals have been made to such addressees to provide it.

Sub -Post Offices in Orissa

7190. DR. KARTIKESHWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Orissa, particulary in Balasore district without sub-post offices, at present;

(b) the number of villages which come under the stipulated norms for opening new post offices, sub-post offices and telegraph offices; and

(c) the number of post offices, sub-post offices and telegraph offices opened so far during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a)_ The number of villages in Orissa without post offices at present is 39199 including 4240 villages in Balasore District.

(b) The number of villages which come under the stipulated norms for opening new poist officesis 1 in Balasore District. The infromation in respect of other Districts in Orissa is being collected.

As regards telegraph offices, out of 4411 Gram Panchayats, telegraph facility has already been provided in 2100 Panchayats and it is planned to provided telegraph facility in the remaining Panchayats during the 8th Plan.

(c) During the year 1991-92, a total of 75 post offices were opened in Orissa including 11 in Balasore District.

As regards telegraph offices, during the year 1991-92, telegraph facilities were provided at 617 places in Orissa.